



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date January 11, 2012

To Council Member Betsy Hodges
Chair, Ways and Means

Referral to none

Subject: Acceptance of grant of \$50,000 from The Minneapolis Foundation, for efforts focused on youth and learning.

Recommendation

Accept grant funding; passage of resolution to appropriate funding to the Mayor's Office (0600-375-3760-5130).

Previous Directives None

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Approved by Jeremy Hanson Willis, Mayor's Chief of Staff, x2785

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable x

Note: To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable x

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee (name, title) Tina Smith, Mayor's Chief of Staff

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

x Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or x Operating Budget.

x Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

☐ Business Plan: x Action is within the plan. ☐ Action requires a change to plan.

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

x Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals ☒

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

In the City of Minneapolis Vision and Goals, the Mayor and City Council identified "Many People, One Minneapolis" as one of six five year goals. Specifically, the Mayor and City Council set strategic directions that included:

- All kids kindergarten ready;
- Stronger education partnerships toward better results;
- 21st century skills for all 21 year olds.

To this end, the Minneapolis Foundation has agreed to make a generous grant of \$50,000 to fund work in the Mayor's office focusing on youth and learning. This grant will fund work in the mayor's office for 2012 and 2013 and pay for a portion of the education policy aide position.

The grant from The Minneapolis Foundation will be used in the Mayor's office to advance the following:

- Improved the capacity of the Mayor's office to work with the Youth Coordinating Board. Work with the YCB to advance its priorities, including its Youth and Children's Agenda.
- Improved capacity of the Mayor's office to work with the Minneapolis School District to support its work during its transition, including strategic planning, helping the MSD find solutions to building and facilities issues, and participating in efforts to more fully engage parents in schools and education, and coordinating violence prevention work with the schools.
- Work with the MDS and the Minneapolis Park Board to identify opportunities for collaboration and merged programs.
- Support the Mayor and the City's strategies to increase physical activity among children and youth, including promoting bike trails, safe passage to school, and creating other opportunities for city-sponsored activities for youth.
- Support and advance the City's efforts to promote literacy.

As we have discussed, this position will allow the Mayor's office and the city of Minneapolis to be a more effective collaborator. We see this position as a connector and collaborator, and we will always seek to augment existing work where we find it.